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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/745,260
Filing Date	December 20, 2000
First Named Inventor	Peter Phaal
Art Unit	2662
Examiner Name	Tsegaye, Saba
Attorney Docket Number	2021906-7001772001 (21906-702)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: )  
Peter Phaal ) **Group Art Unit: 2662**  
Serial No.: 09/745,260 ) **Confirmation No.: 8339**  
Filed: December 20, 2000 ) **Examiner: Tsegaye, Saba**  
For: **A METHOD TO ASSOCIATE** )  
**INPUT AND OUTPUT** )  
**INTERFACES WITH PACKETS** )  
**READ FROM A MIRROR PORT** )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE (RCE)**

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Dear Sir:

This letter is being filed with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is in response to the Office Action, dated May 17, 2005. Please amend the application as follows:

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